

RENTON CITY COUNCIL  
Regular Meeting

March 13, 2000  
Monday, 7:30 p.m.

Council Chambers  
Renton City Hall

MINUTES

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Jesse Tanner led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and called the meeting of the Renton City Council to order.

**ROLL CALL OF  
COUNCILMEMBERS**

RANDY CORMAN, Council President; TONI NELSON; DAN CLAWSON; DON PERSSON; KING PARKER; TIMOTHY SCHLITZER. MOVED BY SCHLITZER, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCILMEMBER KATHY KEOLKER-WHEELER. CARRIED.

**CITY STAFF IN  
ATTENDANCE**

JESSE TANNER, Mayor; JAY COVINGTON, Chief Administrative Officer; ZANETTA FONTES, Assistant City Attorney; MARILYN PETERSEN, City Clerk; GREGG ZIMMERMAN, Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator; JIM SHEPHERD, Community Services Administrator; DEREK TODD, Finance Analyst; LESLIE BETLACH, Parks Director; JANA HANSON, Development Services Director; REBECCA LIND, Principal Planner; GAIL REED, Airport Supervisor; JOHN E. THOMPSON, Maintenance Manager; PAUL KUSAKABE, Fiscal Services Director; RONALD STRAKA, Utility Engineering Supervisor; BETTY NOKES, Economic Development Director; DENNIS CULP, Facilities Director; FIRE MARSHAL CHUCK DUFFY, Fire Department; CHIEF A. LEE WHEELER, Fire Department; COMMANDER FLOYD ELDRIDGE, Police Department.

**APPROVAL OF  
COUNCIL MINUTES**

MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MARCH 6, 2000 AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

**PROCLAMATION**

March 16, 2000: "Absolutely Incredible Kid Day"

A proclamation by Mayor Tanner was read declaring March 16, 2000, to be "Absolutely Incredible Kid Day" in the City of Renton, and declaring the children of Renton as absolutely incredible kids. MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE PROCLAMATION AS READ. CARRIED.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**  
Fire: 1999 Firefighter of the  
Year Award

Fire Chief A. Lee Wheeler invited Lieutenant Steve Baima to explain why Todd Stanley was selected as 1999 Firefighter of the Year. Lieutenant Baima explained that Mr. Stanley, a Firefighter EMT assigned to the Suppression Division, has worked for the Renton Fire Department for about seven years. Mr. Stanley is in charge of the Department's respiratory air program to which he's devoted many off-duty hours to further the goals of the program which include obtaining respiratory air and self-contained breathing equipment and developing a rapid intervention team kit. Lieutenant Baima pointed out that Mr. Stanley was chosen as firefighter of the year by his peers.

Chief Wheeler explained that the reason for the delay in presenting Mr. Stanley with his award was due to the fact that Mr. Stanley was on medical leave donating sixty percent of his liver to his stepfather, who suffered from liver cancer. Chief Wheeler reported that Mr. Stanley was finally back at work after a long recovery.

Todd Stanley, accompanied by his family, accepted plaques from Chief Wheeler and Lieutenant Baima. Chief Wheeler also presented him with a plaque from the Lake City Elks which honored Mr. Stanley as their choice as Firefighter of the Year. Thanking the Fire Department, Mr. Stanley said that it meant a lot to him

-workers.

## ADMINISTRATIVE RE

Chief Administrative Officer Jay Covington reviewed a written administrative adopted as part of its business plan for 2000 and beyond. Items noted included:

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staff have completed 50 emergency repairs, 53 minor assistance repairs, and

has been tempor -  
gutters along the east side of the street has begun and then the contractor will

## - Endangered Sp Rule Framework

Jay Covington briefed the Council about the proposed Tri County Endangered Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). In 1999 the NMFS listed Puget Sound chinook Salmon as threatened under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and the listing. Mr. Covington explained that although the NMFS has the authority y protective measures, local stakeholders have been -  
representatives from Pierce, King, Snohomish Counties and the larger cities

various agencies, Mr. Covington explained it is affirmed that City staff, along with Mayor Tanner, are carefully monitoring the he ESA, the City should stop further endanger the salmon. The 4(d) rule is an attempt to allow the City to actions to regarding the Tri County's draft rule framework are due by March 20th and

es Director Jana Hanson said that in order to protect and activities within watersheds, streams, lakes, ponds, wetlands and marine water stablish standards by which ESA. She noted that the NMFS 4(d) rule is due to become effective in June

hinook are fish quality which include fishing for Chinook Salmon, destroying its habitat existing sal activities from the prohibition of "take" if those activities conform with NMFS -  
if accepted by NMFS, will provide the operate under.

Continuing, Ms. Hanson said the proposed framework is broken into two phases.

The first phase, which much be completed within five years, begins immediately upon the effective date of the adoption of the 4(d) rule. Within the first two years, an Early Action Program (EAP) must be implemented which addresses improved land use regulations, a comprehensive storm water program, road maintenance procedures, acquisition and restoration of habitat, watershed assessment and participation in comprehensive watershed-based salmon conservation efforts. Phase one ends with the completion of the comprehensive watershed based conservation plan. Phase two starts after five years and continues until the species is recovered. During phase two, cities are required to implement the watershed-based conservation plan. Implementation, she explained, will require revisiting critical area ordinances and adopting a shoreline management program and development regulations that include management zones (buffers) from 50 to 300 feet from water bodies, a stormwater program, a road maintenance program and a habitat acquisition and restoration program.

In conclusion, Ms. Hanson described staff concerns regarding the proposed Tri-County framework. Explaining that there are several gaps within the framework, she pointed out that there is no mention of redevelopment activities and how those are to be treated through the framework process.

Utility Engineering Supervisor Ron Straka reported that the proposed Tri-County framework includes a comprehensive 14 element stormwater program. He said that although the City currently has programs that implement many of the elements, due to the lack of detail in the framework, the City cannot determine if its current level of efforts is sufficient for every element. The framework requires the adoption of technical standards which will require a strengthening of the City's current stormwater standards regarding detention and water quality. Mr. Straka confirmed that the proposed framework will have a significant impact on the City's ability to conduct business, will require a large commitment of staff resources, and will potentially redirect capital funds. He concluded by saying that staff recommends that Council authorize the Mayor to send a letter to the Tri-County Executive Committee summarizing the staff's comments which will point out the overall vagueness of the framework, the undefined mandates, the one size fits all approach to stormwater and management zones as applied to urban areas, and the lack of opportunity to review and comment on all of the framework implementation guidelines.

Councilmember Clawson inquired as to how much more stringent the regulations in the State Department of Ecology's Stormwater Manual are than what the City currently has in place. Mr. Straka answered that although it will vary on a site-to-site basis, generally it could mean as much as a doubling or tripling of detention volume required for on-sight peak flow control.

Responding to Councilmember Schlitzer, Mayor Tanner said that it is not mandated that the City comply with proposed regulations, however, if they are not followed the City won't be able to develop.

MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY SCHLITZER, COUNCIL  
AUTHORIZE ADMINISTRATION TO SEND A LETTER TO THE TRI-  
COUNTY GROUP SUMMARIZING THE CITY'S CONCERNS  
REGARDING THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT 4(d) RULE  
FRAMEWORK. CARRIED.

## CONSENT AGENDA

Items on the consent agenda are adopted by one motion which follows the listing.

Removal of Restrictive Covenants for Trammell Crow Development Services Division recommended approval of the request from located at 2100 Lake Washington Blvd. as the site has been rezoned (Lake -90 081), and many of the conditions have either been met or no longer apply to the property. Refer to \_\_\_\_\_ Development Committee.

Finance: Valley Commu Finance and Information Services Department recommended approval of an issuing debt to construct a new Valley Communications Center for five south King Cou Finance Committee.

Plat: Elizabeth, 1221 Edmonds Ave NE (PP 99- Hearing Examiner recommended approval, with conditions, of the Elizabeth Edmonds Ave. NE (PP 99-

King County: Transit Center Transportation Systems Division recommended approval of a Memorandum of the Renton Transit Center. Refer to \_\_\_\_\_.

MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

## CORRESPONDENCE

– commending the Mayor and Council for building a park for pedestrian activity in Pedestrian Park PARKER, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL REFER CORRESPONDENCE TO THE \_\_\_\_\_. CARRIED.

## Community Services

Parks: Sunset Court Park Request) lighting exception of one lighter, the park was free from litter, broken glass, drug with an electronic eye that operates from dusk to dawn seven days per week. Police Department records year regarding illegal activities in Sunset Court Park.

fairly clean except for one used prophylactic and broken glass, which park considerable litter including bottles, cans, chairs, bingo cards, leaves and illegal brush dumping.

The private property adjacent to and north of the park was extensively overgrown

The Community Services Committee concurred with the staff recommendation regarding illegal activities and it may negatively impact area residents. The the Planning/Building/Public Works Department contact the private property owner adjacent to and north of the park for cleanup and removal of the getation on the site. Further, it was recommended that the Code Compliance Officer coordinate the removal of the homeless camp. MOVED BY

**COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.**

Appointment: Municipal Arts Commission

Community Services Committee Chair Nelson recommended concurrence in the Mayor's appointment of Nancy Clendaniel to the Municipal Arts Commission to fill Ned Mueller's term which expires on 12/31/00. Mr. Mueller resigned on 02/03/00. **MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.**

Transportation: Boy Scout Flag Raising Project Along Wells Avenue South

Community Services Committee Chair Nelson presented a report regarding the expansion of Boy Scout Troop 464's flag raising project. The Transportation Operations Section evaluated the request from Harold Hawkens to expand their flag raising project to include 21 lamp posts on Wells Ave. S. from the Cedar River to S. 4<sup>th</sup> St. The only request Transportation Systems made was to coordinate with Transportation Maintenance to ensure that site distance is not obstructed.

The Community Services Committee recommended Council authorize the Administration to approve Boy Scout Troop 464 to coordinate with Transportation Maintenance to expand their flag raising project. **MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.**

Parks: Golf Cart Lease Purchase Program

Community Services Committee Chair Nelson presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to execute a formal thirty-six (36) month lease/purchase agreement for forty (40) gasoline powered golf cars. Thirty (30) cars from the current fleet of forty (40) cars will be utilized as a trade-in. The City has the option at the end of the term to purchase the forty (40) cars for a total of \$1.00. Additionally, the City's current fleet of forty (40) cars will be expanded to fifty (50).

The Committee further recommended that the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute this Lease/Purchase Agreement. **MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.**

**Transportation (Aviation) Committee**

Transportation: 2000 Commute Trip Reduction Program, King County Services

Transportation Committee Chair Persson presented a report regarding the Commute Trip Reduction (CTR) Act Implementation Agreement. The Committee recommended that Council approve the Resolution authorizing the execution of the CTR services agreement with King County. This agreement arranges for King County to continue providing CTR program development, implementation, and support services to employers in Renton who fall under the definition of "Affected Employer," as defined in the City's CTR Ordinance. **MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED. (See page 88 for resolution.)**

Transportation: Traffic control on South Puget Drive

Transportation Committee Chair Persson presented a report regarding a request for a traffic control device on S. Puget Dr. The Transportation Operations Section performed a traffic engineering study on S. Puget Dr. and found there is no need for additional traffic control devices. However, the study showed an average speed of 42 miles per hour in the eastbound direction and 37 miles per hour westbound on S. Puget Dr. A memo has been sent to the Traffic Division of the Police Department with the results of the study.

The Transportation Committee recommended Council request the Administration to periodically monitor S. Puget Dr. and determine when and if additional traffic control devices may become appropriate. **MOVED BY PERSSON,**

## REPORT. CARRIED.

- Trucks, etc. in Parking Lot Transportation Committee Chair Persson presented a report regarding overnight -trucks, recreational vehicles, etc. Bob Arthur, Committee that per state law, vehicles parked on private property are the in violation of the time restrictions of RCW 46.55.010 (12), it may be impounded by a registered tow truck operator at the other public official with jurisdiction if the vehicle is on public property, or at the direction of the property owner or an agent if the vehicle is on private property. the Land Use Compliance Officer can proceed with the abatement process, a search warrant is written and the City can definition of junk or hulk.

ity ordinance regarding criminal trespass. Trespass applies to a person, not to property. The driver can be considered a having the vehicles removed.

on Committee recommended that nothing further be done in regards to this issue. MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY

## CARRIED.

Finance: Vouchers Finance Committee Chair Parker presented a report recommending approval of -180215 and two wire transfers totaling \$4,463,179.39.

## IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Mill Building<sup>st</sup> Flr

Mayor and City Clerk first floor of the 200 Mill Ave. building in addition to occupying floors four through COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Data Security), Renton City Hall 4 Floor Mayor and City Clerk o sign a lease with Iron Mountain, Inc. (Arcus Data Security) for the fourth floor of Renton City Hall for five years. The agreement includes

PARKER, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS****Resolution #3444**

Transportation: 2000 Commute Trip Reduction Program, King County Services

The following resolution was presented for reading and adoption:

A resolution was read authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an interlocal cooperative agreement with King County entitled "Commute Trip Reduction Act Implementation Agreement". MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY SCHLITZER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS READ. CARRIED.

The following ordinances were presented for second and final reading:

**Ordinance #4833**

An ordinance was read amending Title II (Commissions and Boards) of City

Boards/Commissions: Human Services Advisory Committee Ordinance

Code by adding Chapter 12, creating the Human Services Advisory Committee, establishing the requirements and terms of its members, and providing for rules and procedures for its operation. MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

**Ordinance #4834**

Vacation: Lake View Blvd (104th Ave SE), Legacy Partners/Martindale et al., VAC-98-004

An ordinance was read vacating a portion of Lake View Boulevard (104th Avenue SE) for Legacy Partners/Martindale, et al. (VAC-98-004). MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY SCHLITZER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. CARRIED.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Executive: Centennial Community Calendar

MOVED BY NELSON, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL REFER CONTINUING THE RENTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR AND MAKING IT A 2001 CENTENNIAL CALENDAR TO THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE. CARRIED.

Police: Public Awareness of Rules re: Emergency Vehicles

Councilmember Nelson observed that citizens are not aware of what to do in the presence of emergency vehicles. She recommended that a Police or Fire Department representative explain the rules at an upcoming Council meeting or incorporate it as a segment on CityView, the City-produced program which airs on the Renton's government access channel 21.

Finance: Delinquent Water Bills

Mayor Tanner pointed out that the matter regarding delinquent water bills recently referred to the Utilities Committee is also on the Finance Committee referral list.

Councilmember Clawson said he was reluctant to withdraw the item from the Utilities Committee. He felt that some items require more discussion than one committee allows and related that he had some ideas to contribute regarding the matter.

Responding to Council President Corman's suggestion, Councilmember Nelson agreed to give up her chair on the Finance Committee to Mr. Clawson when the item is up for discussion.

MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY SCHLITZER, COUNCIL REMOVE THE ITEM CONCERNING DELINQUENT WATER BILLS FROM THE UTILITIES COMMITTEE. CARRIED.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR 25 MINUTES TO DISCUSS PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS. CARRIED. Time: 8:47 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 9:12 p.m.; roll was called; all Councilmembers present.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY SCHLITZER, COUNCIL ADJOURN. CARRIED. Time: 9:13 p.m.

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MARILYN J. PETERSEN, CMC, City Clerk